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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - July 9, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Vickie Lopez was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Judge Thomas J. Whelan to serve 70 months in custody, based on her conviction for importation of methamphetamine. Judge Whelan also ordered that Lopez serve a 5-year term of supervised release following her release from prison.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Joseph S. Green, who prosecuted the case, Lopez pled guilty to importation of methamphetamine on April 16, 2007. At that time, Lopez admitted that on March 22, 2007 she entered the United States from Mexico at the San Ysidro, California Port of Entry in a vehicle that she knew contained 11.75 kilograms (25.82 pounds) of methamphetamine, hidden inside a secret compartment located behind the rear seat of the vehicle.

DEFENDANT**Case Number 07CR854-W**

Vickie Lopez

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960 (Importation of Methamphetamine)

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

United States Customs and Border Protection